

A TIMELY LETTER.

Prof. Pryor Endorsed; Better School Equipment Wanted.

Rev. Jos. H. Harvey, rector of St. Paul's church of this city, has written Prof. Herbert Pryor, superintendent of the Mexico schools, the following timely letter:

My Dear Mr. Pryor: I am much interested in the changes that you are advocating in our punne schools. They are good schools now, but schools are not like Egyptian mummies—which were as good 2,500 years ago as they are now; schools are live things, and should grow to meet the demands made upon them. The school room should grow to fit the size of the enrollment of pupils; the equipment should grow to assist in the education of the pupil. We need new equipment from time to time; we need additions to the buildings, sometimes new buildings—once in a while.

We cannot do as the farmer who, on seeing a giraffe for the first time, examined the beast carefully and said, "Aw, there ain't no such a animal." We must face the facts and deal with facts. We cannot ignore them or deal with them in a half hearted way.

"The riches of a nation consist not in mines, buildings, commerce, nor industries, but in its sons and daughters," and the better the education that they receive, the better and richer will the country be. Let "x" equal the natural resources of the state; let "y" equal the health and enterprise of its people, and let "z" equal—what? It's education. If "z" is equal to "one," the state will not be so well off as it would, if "z" were equal to two, five, or ten.

Victor Hugo says: "When you open a school, you close a prison." It is the right of every child in the state to have a good education, and it is the duty of every parent and taxpayer to see that the child gets it. The child should be taught to work and play, and to study and think. Body, soul, and spirit should be developed so that the child may become self-respecting, self-supporting, self-reliant and efficient. The public school is a factor in making such characters.

The child should have three great aids for fighting life's battle: Accuracy. Be sure you are right and then go ahead; appreciation, the proper valuation of everything and everybody with which and with whom he or she comes in contact; assurance, not only be sure, but doubly sure.

Play grounds and games, as well as mental work for the child occupy much thought of school boards of our larger cities, and our smaller cities are wearing boots much larger than cities the same size did in years gone by. Men in seven-league boots must take seven-league strides.

The "booster spirit" is rife in Mexico, why not put it to work in a good cause, for it concerns the training of those precious things of whom the Master said, "Who shall receive one such little child in My name, receiveth Me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were drowned in the depths of the sea."

By all means, let us work "while it is day, the night cometh, when no man can work." Let us make good use of "Time"—that black and narrow isthmus between two eternities."

ALUMINUM COOKING UTENSILS.

The Ross 5-10 and 50c Store. "The Store of Quality."

Have the Genuine Aluminum ware at prices that all can afford to use the goods.

J. A. Morrow and family are preparing to move to St. Louis.

THOMPSON ITEMS.

A Cake Brings \$30—Interesting Personal Mention.

Thompson, Mo., Oct. 15.—Mrs. J. B. Nevins has a severe case of tonsillitis.

Arthur Bloom has been sick for the last two weeks, but is some better at this writing.

The box supper at Daniel school house was a great success; the boxes bringing \$21. A cake was put up for the most popular lady, Miss Edna Gant of Thompson won the prize. The cake brought \$30.

Our mail carrier, Turner Pulis, has resumed his duties after a 15 days' rest, J. B. Nevins being substitute.

After the rains of last week the fall wheat and grass is looking fine.

Mrs. Ed. Beatty and daughter, Eliza, of Gant, are visiting Mrs. Beatty's son, J. T. Beatty.

Joe Beatty is erecting a big barn.

Brother E. S. Gibbs of Mexico preached at Hopewell Sunday morning and Sunday night.

There will be a big Republican speaking at the Hall at Thompson Tuesday night.

Brother W. C. Rice of Mexico filled his regular appointment at Groves Chapel Sunday evening. Quite a number from this community attended.

Mrs. J. A. Morrow, and daughter, Gladys, departed last night for East St. Louis to join her husband and will leave shortly for the South.

Let Me Show You Wyoming!

You may have questioned some of the statements you have heard about the wonderful crop yields obtained by Wyoming farmers—particularly those in the Big Horn Basin, but if you will visit that country and talk with some of the farmers from Illinois, Iowa and Missouri who have settled there, you will readily understand why they feel so optimistic.

A former Iowa man recently wrote me as follows:

"I believe there is no better location in the West than just where I am, and I heartily advise my friend to look over the fine irrigated land that is open to entry on the Shell Creek Tract, if they are interested in acquiring a home in a progressive, rapidly-developing locality. I have planned an apple orchard on part of my land and shall enlarge it considerably this next spring; during this past season I received returns that were more than satisfactory from quite an area which I truck farmed, in spite of the fact that this was the first year the land had been cultivated."

What this man has done is not at all unusual. There is no good reason why you can't do it too, provided you get your place picked out before all the good land is taken up.

In order to make it easy for you to look the Basin over without too much expense, the Burlington Route will run special Homeseekers' Excursions from Omaha on October 1st and November 1st. You can go with me and see for yourself just what the opportunities are in this section.

Just write me on what day you can go and a postal will do, and I will send you our folder and tell you just how and where to meet in Omaha. D. Clem Beaver, Immigration Agent, Burlington Route, Room 338 Q Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Misses Alice and Jane Graham, daughters of J. B. Graham, have been quite sick with tonsillitis.

The famous Dolly Varden Chocolates at Wren's Pharmacy.

FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

B. D. Daniel, of Gant community, a nice colt of Walter Barnes for \$50.

Dave Thompson, of Bean Creek, sold Henry Schrader a horse recently for \$175.

B. B. Daniel, of Gant community, bought a calf of T. M. Broadus for \$17.50.

Dudley & Moody, three miles southeast of Mexico, will have a big public sale this coming Friday, tomorrow. See full notice in this paper.

J. R. Bell, at Ortiz Fruit Farm, two miles south of Mexico, will have a big dispersion sale of Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Lightning killed 16 mule colts on the farm of James Warren, in Monroe county, during the heavy rain storm last Friday. The colts were standing along a wire fence.

Cattle for Sale. 45 head yearling steers and calves to be sold on streets in Mexico next Saturday.

W. E. SHARP.

John Henderson, north of Mexico, lost his barn by fire Monday afternoon. A colt was in the barn and burned also, besides a quantity of hay, oats, farming implements, etc. Loss partly covered by insurance. Not known how the fire caught.

"Jake Dooley, near Stoutsville," says the Paris Appeal: "had a pair of 3-year-old mules and J. D. Tully, the stockman, offered seventeen and one-half cents a pound for them. Jake promptly accepted and when the animals were put on the scales their weight was found to be 2,430 pounds, which called for a check for \$425.25. A Monroe county mule man used to say that twenty cents a pound was the proper basis for getting at the selling value of a first quality mule."

Wilson Stands For a Principle—Will You Stand By Him?

Woodrow Wilson is a vastly different order of man than you find among the ranks of many good men in practical political life.

Woodrow Wilson is not among the great majority of politicians and business men, otherwise estimable characters, who believe that the end justifies the means, who are honest in a commercial or political sense.

The candidate of the progressive voters of the country not only does not believe in the doctrine of "anything to win," but he insists on plain old fashioned honesty in every detail of his campaign.

Woodrow Wilson proposes to win on the merits of his candidacy and platform or not at all. "Clean hands or no fight" is Wilson's ultimatum to his supporters throughout the country.

No tainted money for Wilson. The Democratic National Committee is heart and soul in accord with the candidate's views.

And the corrupting influences, with no political faith, casting about to win a foothold in the new government with bribes of ill-gotten gains, have despaired of reaching Wilson or his campaign.

They have gone to the enemy, whoever that enemy may be. It is a matter of common knowledge that the "Interests" are using all their political funds to defeat Wilson.

This makes it your fight.

The people have constantly made the mistake of believing that this is a money-ridden nation. Such is only the case insofar as the People fail to get together and so permit the few to control the dishonest representatives they, by mistake, elect to office.

The actual money power of the People is still greater than that of the Interests.

The Progressive People of the country, if they get together, can buy and sell the Corrupting Influences and destroy their financial power.

So Woodrow Wilson and his managers believe that not only is it the only clean method but the most practical method for the Progressive People of the country to supply the Woodrow Wilson Campaign Fund.

The People to Fight With THEIR Dollars.

This year a popular president is to be elected with the People's money.

The Woodrow Wilson Campaign Fund is to be collected from the rank and file of the Progressive Voters of the country.

The bills of the Democratic National Committee are to be paid, not with the thousands of the Interests, but with the individual dollars of the earnest, eager voters who desire clean, efficient government and who are willing to help Wilson as he wants to be helped.

Money thus needed is not spent in improper ways or in any manner similar to the way in which the funds of the Interests are disbursed.

But we have to tell the voters of the country about Woodrow Wilson. We have to tell them what he has done. We have to tell them what he stands for. We have to point out to them the important planks in his platform. All this means that to hold up our end we will be obliged to spend as much money as those who oppose us.

This means that every man or woman who believes in Wilson should be willing to contribute to his cause. Let the supporters of Wilson help us to spread the Wilson gospel to the four winds.

Let the Progressive Voters battle this year with their pocketbooks as well as their ballots.

We Solicit Popular Subscriptions—Can You Give From \$1 to \$25?

Of course, you can—and you are glad to support the cause in this way. Practically every voter can afford to give \$1 to aid the Wilson Campaign. A great many can give \$2. A great many can give \$5. And there are lots and lots of progressive voters who will be eager to donate from \$10 to \$25.

These are the kind of contributions we want. And we will be proud to receive from thousands, who can only afford \$1, their \$1 contributions. We want to hear from every man who has a dollar to give.

This year the man with the dollar must defeat the government trader who spends his thousands.

Get Club Subscriptions. If you know many Wilson men, if you work among many Wilson men, head a list with your name and money get the others to join you with their subscriptions.

Then send your list with the money to C. R. Crane, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, Democratic National Committee, 900 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

No loyal Wilson man can do more for this to assure Wilson's victory at the polls in November.

How to Contribute to the Wilson Campaign Fund. Sign the Coupon opposite and fill in the amount you give. Then attach your money to this Coupon and mail today to the address given on the Coupon.

Have all checks, money orders and address all contributions to C. R. Crane, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, Democratic National Committee, 900 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Then write a letter to this paper giving your name as a contributor and stating your reasons why you believe Woodrow Wilson should be elected President of the United States. In this way you will be listed as a Wilson contributor. A Souvenir Register, handsomely illustrated, will be sent to you. Your letter will help in the fight by encouraging your friends.

Do everything you can to hold up Wilson's hands in his clean campaign for the people who do the work and fighting of the country.



You Are Losing Your Chance By Not Hearing the "Homo"-tone

Every Young Lady in this town, notice this: You will surely take the wrong step in piano buying unless you first hear this piano with the wonderful tone—

HADDORFF PIANO

The Piano with the "Homo"-Vibrating Sounding Board.

Put Happiness in Your Home

Many homes only need the refining influences of Music to make the home life perfect and complete.

Put a Fine Clarendon Piano

In your home at our Special Price of \$275.00. This price includes a bench, scarf, instruction book and one year's tuning.

"Step In And Look Around"

Music Dept.

WORRELL, The JEWELER

On the Corner Of Mexico

New Concrete Bridges. The Centralia Guard commented as follows last week:

The Audrain county court has ordered a steel bridge in at Bowen's creek in Lawson district and also a concrete bridge in the same district. We understand that S. J. Bowne, Jr., and the Buoy brothers are going to donate a concrete bridge in that district and they have the gravel already on the ground. The residents of Audrain county on the north of us say that it will be concrete or steel for them from now on, as the cost is not much more than the old wood bridges and culverts which are so expensive to repair.

Rev. W. Wilburn, of Kansas City, will preach at the Universalist church in Laddonia Monday and Tuesday nights, Oct. 28 and 29.

You Are Invited. We want everybody to attend our Majestic Range demonstration. It begins Monday and continues all week.

Ferris & Cuthorn.

Mason Creasey left Tuesday for Wortham, on receiving a telegram that his father, J. R. Creasey, at that place was thought to be dying. The father is 80 years old and lately has been very feeble.

IN SOUTH MISSOURI.

The Anti-Horse Thief Association—Audrain Man's Account.

Rush Hill, Mo., Oct. 15.

Editor Message:—To keep faith with my friends I herewith wish to give as full account of my visit, as briefly as consistent, to the State meeting of the Anti-Horse Thief Association which convened in Monett, Mo., Tuesday, Oct. 9. I was a delegate from Sub-Order No. 181, which holds its monthly meetings at Hedge Dale school house, this neighborhood.

Hon. J. F. Mernand of Monett is state president. He is as good a parliamentarian as I ever saw preside at a meeting anywhere. He is otherwise a very able man. Following is a quotation or two I took from him:

"Laws were made to restrain and punish the wicked; the wise and good do not need them as a guide but only as a shield against rapine and wrong. They can live civilly and orderly though there were no law in the world, yet laws are universal; all beings have their laws; the material world has its laws; superior intelligence has its laws; the beasts have their laws, and man his laws."

"Forewarned is forearmed." The A. H. T. A. works out its own downfall, strange to put it, and yet she is stronger in every way than ever before."

The last quotation given is explained with the next:

"As crime is suppressed and organized criminals are brought to justice or routed conditions arise that cause the dwarfing of the local order."

"Protection will always be needed, for humanity is not infallible. The benefit a community derives from having a live A. H. T. A. is incalculable."

The head officers were each in turn re-elected without opposition.

The next meeting will be at Keokuk, Iowa. The Missouri Division being larger than the State. Monett, Mo., is a thriving young town with a genuine Southern hospitality. The town is located in the land of the big red apple. She is also in the strawberry district. Someone said that she might have less sunshine than other places but more "moonshine." We took that as a joke for we got all the sunshine we wanted and saw no moonshine.—It rained at night.

Thursday morning I went to Lebanon to visit my parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Atkins. All the others of our family are now living in Laclede county.

The first people I met in Lebanon I knew were Rev. Jno. S. Jesse, and family. Bro. Jesse is pastor of the Baptist church there. Mrs. Jesse is an exceedingly hospitable woman. She invited the entire Atkins family to dinner Friday. I accuse father of killing the fatted calf Friday night. The fact is a mule kicked on the head and killed a fat heifer, so we had an addition to the already ample supply of victuals.

Saturday I visited Walter Threlkell and wife, Mrs. J. J. my only sister. I also visited my brother at Sleeper Saturday night, having visited wife Thursday.

The crops in western and southern Missouri are far ahead of eastern Missouri. The most advanced crops I saw were in the Merriam River bottoms; they were still green, no frost.

Wm. C. Atkins.

The Missouri M.B.A. & A. Lodge of this city has been made a pos. of the National Guards.

It Begins Monday.

Our Annual Meeting, the demonstration begins Monday and continues next night.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain, we will have a visit.

Ferris & Cuthorn.

BEAN CREEK.

Wm. Schutte is buying up two

car loads of cattle.

Mr. Tate has moved his saw

mill to Joe Mongler's farm.

Those of this vicinity who attended the Illinois State Fair

were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geiffer, John, Charlie and William Blum

and Bill Wilson and son, Carl.

Miss Iley Byars is spending a few days in Mexico.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri

County of Audrain

In the Circuit Court,

November Term, 1912.

A. Witherspoon, Plaintiff,

vs.

Charles G. Holland, Defendant.

Now on this October 16, 1912,

comes the plaintiff by Attorneys,

Fry & Rodgers, in the above entitled cause before the undersigned

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, in vacation, and files his petition and affidavit in Attachment stating among other things that the above named defendant, Charles G. Holland, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

It is therefore ordered by the Clerk aforesaid, in vacation, that publication be made notifying him that an action has been commenced against him by petition and affidavit in Attachment in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, founded on two notes, one for \$228.50 dated November 17, 1905, and the other for \$700.00 dated December 7, 1905, and interest on both of the above notes, and that his property has been attached and that unless he be and appear at the next Term of said Court to be holden at the Court House in Mexico, within the County of Audrain on the 25th day of November 1912 and on or before the 3rd day thereof judgment will be rendered against him and his property sold to satisfy the same.

It is further ordered that a copy thereof be published in The Mexico Missouri Message, a weekly newspaper, published in said County of Audrain, for four weeks successively the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of the next Term of said Court.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, done at office in the City of Mexico, County and State aforesaid, this 14th day of October 1912.

(SEAL) E. F. ELLIOTT,

Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court.

A true copy from the record,

E. F. ELLIOTT, Clerk.

Attest,

Fry & Rodgers, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Miss Anna Johnson of Benton

City, Miss Etta Johnson, of New

York City, Major J. C. Johnson

and wife and daughter, of the U. S.

coast artillery of San Francisco, Cal., were entertained at dinner

on Thursday last by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Offutt, at their home,

south of Benton City. All spent a most happy day.

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